

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3902

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize funding for court-appointed special advocates for victims of child abuse, training programs on child abuse for judicial personnel and attorneys, and closed-circuit television and video taping of child victim testimony.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1998

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mrs. MORELLA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF COURT-APPOINTED**
2 **SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 218(a) of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of
4 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13014(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
6 (4);

7 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
8 graph (5) and inserting a semicolon; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the follow-
10 ing:

11 “(6) \$12,000,000 for each of the fiscal years
12 2001, 2002, and 2003.”

13 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHILD ABUSE TRAINING**
14 **PROGRAMS FOR JUDICIAL PERSONNEL AND**
15 **PRACTITIONERS.**

16 Section 224(a) of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of
17 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13024(a)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
19 (4);

20 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
21 graph (5) and inserting a semicolon; and

22 (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the follow-
23 ing:

24 “(6) \$2,300,000 for each of the fiscal years
25 2001, 2002, and 2003.”

1 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS FOR TELEVISED**
2 **TESTIMONY.**

3 Section 1001(a)(7) of title I of the Omnibus Crime
4 Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
5 3793(a)(7)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (D);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (E) and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(F) \$1,000,000 for each of the fiscal
13 years 2001, 2002, and 2003.”

14 **SEC. 4. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.**

15 Section 40156 of the Violence Against Women Act
16 of 1994 is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as
17 subsection (e) and by adding the following new subsection:

18 “(d) The Attorney General shall annually compile
19 and broadly disseminate (including through electronic
20 publication) information about the use of funds and about
21 the projects funded under this section, including any eval-
22 uations of the projects and information to enable replica-
23 tion and adoption of the strategies identified in the
24 projects. Such dissemination shall target community-based

- 1 programs, including domestic violence and sexual assault
- 2 programs.”

